

# How to handle pesticides safely

## Read the label carefully



## Make sure you do not get poisoned

- Wash the applicator after you have used it
- Keep away from the spray drift or dust cloud
- Do not smoke, eat or drink while applying the pesticide
- Take a bath when you have finished and put on clean clothes
- Wash contaminated clothing
- If the pesticide is very poisonous you must wear
  - rubber gloves
  - rubber boots
  - a face shield
  - an apron



#### Do not harm the environment



- Apply pesticides only when it is absolutely necessary
- Keep to the dosage prescribed
- Apply pesticides only on windless days
- Choose pesticides that work quickly or that are safe to wildlife
- Do not contaminate water either by drift or by washing application equipment
- Use only pesticides that are prescribed for your particular problem. If you are not sure what the problem is, ask someone who knows

## How to store and transport pesticides

 Always pack or load pesticides in such a manner that the containers will not be damaged or leak

 Keep the container in a cool place. Do not leave it in the sun, in the car or near fire

 Store pesticides away from food and feed

 Do not transfer pesticides to containers which normally hold food or liquids, for example cooldrink bottles



## **Application equipment**

• Always use equipment that is in good working condition

· Service your equipment regularly and fix leaks immediately

 Clean the equipment properly after use, and do not leave pesticides in the applicator overnight

 After you have cleaned the equipment, DO NOT throw the washing water into rivers, dams or onto grazing

Application equipment must be calibrated properly







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